

MYERS NEIGHBORHOOD NEWSLETTER June 2005
"CREATING A FAMILY NEIGHBORHOOD
TOGETHER BY HELPING EACH OTHER"

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WORDS FROM THE PREZ

Recently I've been considering a few proverbs and how they can impact one's life. A good definition of a proverb would be a wise saying to live by. One proverb is "A merry heart makes a cheerful countenance, but by sorrow of the heart the spirit is broken." This sounds like a great anti-aging formula (wrinkle-free living). Another wise saying is "A merry heart is a continual feast (sounds like Thanksgiving dinner over and over and over again). One thing is for certain—it sounds like having a glad state of mind makes for much enjoyment from life. Finally, "A merry heart is good medicine and a cheerful mind works healing, but a broken spirit dries up the bones." Well, one thing for sure, we don't want a brittle cranium. The conclusion of the matter is it would be wise and very profitable to cultivate a merry heart. When it gets right down to it, we are talking about nourishing our thought life with good stuff. The thoughts one thinks can directly affect our countenance, as well as our over-all attitude towards situations that arise during the day. The saying, "feast or famine" might well depict many folks' perspective toward the things they deal with on a day-by-day basis. It certainly doesn't hurt to do a check-up from the neck up. How optimistic or pessimistic is my attitude, day in and day out? Do I give off a sweet fragrance in what I think, say, or do, or is it somewhat of a foul odor? You don't have to look too far to find folks who complain, criticize, and whine about the goings-on of life. There have been plenty of medical studies substantiating the healing benefits of a good healthy attitude toward life, as well as the negative effects one can suffer from stinking thinking. So what does all this have to do with being a good neighbor in our neighborhood? **A LOT**, would be a resounding answer. It's great having neighbors who, by and large, have a positive perspective and look on the bright side of life's situations. So since we are serious about **"CREATING A FAMILY NEIGHBORHOOD TOGETHER BY HELPING EACH OTHER,"** we definitely need and appreciate the many wonderful Myers neighbors with merry hearts.

END OF WORDS FROM THE PREZ

NEXT MYERS MEETING Tuesday June 7, 6:00 P.M.

3RD ANNUAL POTLUCK PICNIC in the back yard at 1510 South Arcadia Avenue. Limit 50 persons. Call 571-8256 or 790-1767 with a count of those coming, **AND** let us know what you will bring. A favorite side dish to share, cold drinks and ice. Tables and chairs are also needed. Myers Neighborhood Association will supply a main course, probably charbroiled hot dogs, brats, buns, and condiments, and also plates, cups, and silverware.

REPORT ON MAY 3 MEETING:

John Dowdall, President reported on the successful Chili Challenge (see article P. 3). **Jesse Pileggi** is seriously ill, send cards or notes. Our next meeting is the Annual Potluck Picnic, see bottom of Page 1. PRO Neighborhoods' 3rd Celebration of Neighborhoods is Saturday May 7, 6-9 PM, at Catalina High, 3665 E. Pima, with entertainment, games, and other family activities.

Abe Marques, Ward 5, answered questions. Noise problems need to be reported to 911. Three new speed tables on Andrew between the school and Swan will be funded by the Department of Transportation; markers are in place. Ward 5 will request cleanup of our washes. Repairs to Swan between 22nd and 29th Streets will be completed by July. If visual obstruction of an intersection is a safety issue, call Traffic Engineering, 791-4259.

Terri Loveless, Family Liaison, introduced Fran Jenssen who urged us to join Reading Seed, and coach students in reading during school hours and after school. **Fran** says the hour she spends coaching is the most valuable hour of her week. The goal is for all students to read at or above grade level by the end of 3rd grade. Myers-Ganoung has 15 coaches, and needs at least 15 more in order to reach 1st graders. **Jim Cramer** is a Reading Seed coach. Application forms were passed out, and are available at the school.

Kyrin Alves of Rebuilding Together Tucson reported Jocelyn Rechichar, Project Coordinator, is leaving for full-time classes at U of A. Kyrin introduced John Gaffney, the new Project Coordinator. RTT Headquarters is now at 40 North Swan; they can always use office volunteers.

Steering Committee representatives for 29th Street Weed and Seed: **Mary Dryden** and **Chuck Brugler** were elected by acclamation to this position.

Speaker: Flandrau Planetarium's Monica Ramirez brought 2 telescopes and 3 knowledgeable astronomy students so we could observe Saturn and Jupiter from the schoolyard. 41 neighbors and Mr. Morales' 20 Gate students took turns being fascinated with the viewing and the information that was shared. **Alan Bales** set up his telescope with special computer visualization.

Door prize winners were **Jim Cramer**, **Mathew Wenger**, **Fran Janssen**, **Donna Jones**, and **Joan Hemsley**.

NEWSLETTER PRIZES!! If you find your name and house number in this newsletter, call 748-1150.

No NEWSLETTER WINNER for May.

Animal waste on your property must be cleaned up every 24 hours, and immediately while you are walking your pet. This is enforced by the Pima County Health Department's Animal Care Center. It is a health problem! Put waste into air-tight plastic bags, then into your trash container.

TO ALL THE DEDICATED "NEWSLETTER

DEVOTEES" who write articles, edit, fold, and tape over 2,300 copies: it is your project. **THANK YOU** to **Anita Hess**, **John Dowdall**, **Mary Hillmon**, **Dot McQuiston**, **Bonnie Wheat**, **Gerrit and Gerrie Van Erven**, **Pat Wall**, **Teresa Montez**, **Pat Boyd**, **Homer and Joyce Peters**, **Kathee Baker**, **Steve and Donna Jones**, **Mary Dryden**, **Virginia Belcher**, **Mary Hazlewood**, **Chuck Conner**, **Eleanor Conlogue**, **Charlotte Golden**, **Gladys Hayden**, **Dorothy Patterson**, **Norma Henderson-Detamore**, **Rae Leutz**, **Mary Martellini**, and **Christine McCullough**.

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY: Freedom Center needs youth 16 and older to work, playing games and doing arts/crafts with youth. Call 791-4969.

If you are a NEW NEIGHBOR, come to our next meeting to receive a Welcome Packet.

NEED HELP WITH FOOD EXPENSE? Food Bank Distribution at Freedom Center is every Tuesday and Thursday, 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. It is first come, first serve. Bring a **picture ID each time**; there is **no financial qualification**.

WANT TO BUY A CAR, GO TO SCHOOL, BUY A HOUSE? The **Tucson Learn2Save Program** will help you set up a savings plan to meet your goal, and when you have regularly saved, **will match double** what you have saved. Call 791-4636, Ext. 311 for information.

2005 MEETINGS SCHEDULE

June 7, 2005 Fourth Annual Potluck Picnic - see P. 1 for information.

September 6, 2005 Fall meetings will start.

NO NEWSLETTERS JUNE OR JULY: Save this newsletter so you will have phone numbers available.

JOIN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION NOW **Pay your 2005 dues.** Mail a check with the completed registration form on this newsletter, or bring dues to the June meeting. Your \$5.00 annual dues will go far to make our neighborhood THE place to live.

DRY WEEDS AND GRASS are a fire hazard. Please clean them up now!

FREEDOM PARK CENTER HOURS: 8 AM to 7 PM Monday and Wednesday; 8:30 AM to 7 PM Tuesday and Thursday, 8 AM to 6 PM Friday, and 10 AM to 2 PM Saturday. Phone 791-4969.

If you have a **question, suggestion, or problem** for any **city department**, you may leave a message Molly 4866

on the Mayor and Council Citizen Comment line, 791-4700. The appropriate department AI 4910 will be notified. If you want feedback, leave your name and phone number. Your Citizen Comments to the Mayor and Council can also be left on this message line. You can also call Ward 5 at 791-4231 about problems.

In the recently published book, Tucson Police Department, 1871 to 2004, there is this: "In October 1987 Officers Margaret "Peggy" Tate and Brenda Woolridge became the first female officers to be awarded the Tucson Police Department Medal of Valor. Both officers risked their lives to rescue two people from a burning car." Peggy, now you are our hero twice over!

Our April 16 **Roof Coating Project** was a huge success. Two Mary 1408 roofs were coated, and at one home fascia and posts were painted. Two other neighbors received assistance with yard cleanup. Snacks, drinks, and coffee were supplied by **Anita Hess, Norma Henderson-Detamore, Joyce Peters, and John Dowdall**. Workers were **John and Joe Dowdall, Michael Owen, Vickie Mesimer, Randy Nagel, Steven Jones, Emily and Caleb McConnell, Dennis and Anita Hess, Pat Martin, Russ Lewis, Chris and Austin Retrum, and Kevin Schoepfel**. **E-Las-Tek and Rebuilding Together Tucson** donated the roof coating and paint. **Ward 5's Abe Marques** brought us a delicious EEGEE's lunch. The homeowners who received the assistance expressed their deep appreciation to the workers and to the Myers Neighborhood Association for organizing the projects.

29TH STREET WEED & SEED IS FUNDED AND ACTION IS BEGINNING!! Funds will pay for **additional police programs** including bike patrols, and added DUI and traffic enforcement. New activity and education programs will be in place, ex: **programs for youth and domestic violence education**. **29th Street WEED & SEED** meets Tuesday June 21.

FIRST WEED AND SEED ACTIVITY--Adult Probation will bring community service workers to our neighborhood. They will clean yards for elderly and handicapped low income residents who apply. Call **Anita Hess**, 571-8256, or **Mary Hillmon**, 790-1437, for a form. Mail it in now to get on the waiting list. Please tell your neighbors about this program. Adult Probation will also do major cleanups for our 29th St. Weed & Seed.

CHILI CHALLENGE: On April 17 at Freedom Center 13 chefs served tastes of delicious chili and everyone was able to vote for their favorite. Judges also voted. "Fire-Fighter Dan" from the Tucson Fire Department welcomed guests. The best chili from businesses and

Ward offices was won by **Ray for Al's Ace Hardware**; Ray will keep the remarkable rotating trophy on display for a year at our Ace Hardware. For neighborhoods and individuals, **Shelley Ain** for **Alvernon Heights** won first place with a ground turkey chili, **Kim Dylewski** for **Roberts Neighborhood** won second place with her Polish chili, and our own **Debbie Dowdall** for **Myers Neighborhood** won third place with her recipe "all the way from Montana." Congratulations, Debbie! **Emily McConnell** and **Pat Martin** baked corn bread to sell. **Donna Jones** created beautiful signs for our table, and **Shirley Collins** and **Pat Martin** served our chili. The Chili Challenge was a financial success, netting \$365. The **MURAL** created by area students working with **Liz Hagan** of Alvernon Heights was dedicated; it will hang in the lobby at Freedom Center. Tours were given of our **Primary Care Health Clinic** at the Center, and a formal 8-scissor ribbon-cutting by dignitaries Supervisor **Ramon Valadez**, and retired Supervisor **Dan Eckstrom**, who made Freedom Center and the basketball court happen! Parks and Recreation Director **Fred Gray**, Marana Health Center staff, and **Brenda Even** (who has worked for years for this success) also participated. All in all, it was an AI 4910 exciting and fun day!

CORRECTION: We're sorry for an **error** in the last newsletter. Contrary to Leslie 1517 what we were told, the **CABS of semis and 18 wheelers are NOT allowed to park in neighborhoods**. This is a **ZONING** code, enforced by Zoning. Nothing that is commercially used, exceeds 7 feet in height and 20 feet in length, no panel or stake bed or flat bed trucks, or oversized ice cream trucks may park Mary 1408 in a neighborhood. RVs may be parked in residential areas.

MORE CLOTHING FOR THE FAMILY RESOURCE AND WELLNESS CENTER was donated by Fruchthendler Elementary School on April 14. Our angel **Estrella Martinez** called, and **Mary Martellini** and **Pat Martin** delivered it to the FRWC at Myers-Ganoung.

MOSQUITO CONTROL At a recent gardening forum, it was suggested that we add to water in a white dinner plate a few of drops of Lemon Fresh Joy dish detergent, and set it on the patio. It will attract mosquitoes. They die when they drink it, usually within about 10 feet of the plate. With West Nile virus forecast, let's try this to keep our mosquito population Leslie 1517 down and prevent disease.

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PLEASE SIGN UP FOR 1 OR 2 ACTIVITIES. Your support is needed. The more volunteers we have, the less work for everyone, and the more we can accomplish.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Telephone | <input type="checkbox"/> Gleaners |

MAIL this form and \$5.00 annual dues for each adult to Pat Boyd, Myers Treasurer, 5150 E. 24th St., 85711, or BRING this form and your dues to our regular monthly meeting, 7:00 PM on the first Tuesday of each month, at Myers-Ganoung Elementary, 5000 E. Andrew (corner of Andrew and Rosemont).

FOR MORE INFORMATION about a committee, call the committee chair, the Member at Large, or any Board member. Phone numbers are on Page 1 of this newsletter.